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1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED COPY OF FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
INTERFUTURES DIRECTOR LESOURNE WHICH WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO MEMBERS OF STEERING COMMITTEE ON MARCH 30:

BEGIN TEXT

AT THE LAST STEERING COMMITTEE, THE DATES FOR THE NEXT
SESSION WERE SET AT 26TH AND 27TH APRIL, SO AS TO BE
ABLE TO FINALIZE THE DOCUMENTS FOR A PROPOSED HIGH-LEVEL
MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE SECOND FORTNIGHT OF JUNE.

NOW, HOWEVER, THE JAPANESE DELEGATION HAS INFORMED THE
SECRETARY GENERAL THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT IS MOST ANXIOUS
THAT THERE SHOULD BE WRITTEN (AND PERHAPS AN ORAL) PRE-
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SENTATION OF THE INTERFUTURES PROJECT AT THE OECD
MINISTERIAL COUNCIL ON 14TH AND 15TH JUNE.

IN VIEW OF THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT, WHICH WILL MAKE IT
POSSIBLE TO BRING THE INTERFUTURES PROJECT TO THE ATTEN-
TION OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES IN JUNE, IT SEEMS PREFERABLE
PREFERABLE TO POSTPONE THE PROPOSED HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. THIS WILL ALSO MEAN THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISH EXPRESSED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO GIVE FULLER INFORMATION ON THE RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH.

IF, AT THE NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE, WE ARE TO DISCUSS IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL THE PRESENTATION OF INTER-FUTURES TO THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL, THE DATE OF OUR MEETING WILL HAVE TO BE PUT BACK FOR ONE MONTH. THEREFORE, AFTER CONSULTING THE CHAIRMAN, DR. MIYAZAKI, WHO WILL BE IN PARIS ON 29TH AND 30TH MAY, THE NEW DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED FOR

THURSDAY 25TH AND FRIDAY 26TH MAY 1978

I BELIEVE THAT THIS SESSION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE SHOULD BE DEVOTED MAINLY TO THE LATEST RESULTS OF THE PROJECT, AND INTEND TO SEND YOU, IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL PROGRESS REPORT, THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- (A) A FIRST DRAFT OF THE MAIN ISSUES PAPER
 - (B) A DRAFT OF THE BACKGROUND PAPER ANNOUNCED IN FUT(78)3
 - (C) FOUR DOCUMENTS ON:
 - THE SCENARIOS
 - STRUCTURAL CHANGE
 - NEW DEMANDS IN ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES
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- PROSPECTS FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
- (D) A DRAFT TABLE OF CONTENTS OF THE FINAL REPORT.

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AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY PANEL, PROFESSOR RUFFOLO, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO MAINTAIN THE DATES OF THE PANEL'S NEXT MEETING, 20TH AND 21ST APRIL. I INTEND TO ASK THE PANEL TO CONSIDER THE BEST WAY TO CONVEY ITS VIEWS TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE; FOR INSTANCE, IF THE PANEL WISHES, ITS CHAIRMAN COULD BE DELEGATED TO TAKE PART IN THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING. OTHER POSSIBILITIES COULD, HOWEVER, ALSO BE ENVISAGED.

FINALLY, IN ORDER TO PERFECT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING, IT MAY PROVE NECESSARY TO HOLD A FURTHER STEERING COMMITTEE SESSION IN THE SECOND HALF OF JULY. THIS POINT MAY BE DISCUSSED AT THE MAY MEETING.

OUR WORK IS GOING WELL, AND I AM CERTAIN THAT AT THIS MAY MEETING SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS WILL, FOR THE FIRST TIME, TAKE PRIORITY OVER PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS.
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